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SECTION B: SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE

- **B.1** The District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) seeks a Contractor to perform title and settlement services in support of the District's acquisition of real properties in Washington, D.C. by negotiated sale or condemnation by eminent domain.
- **B.2** The District contemplates the award of a requirements contract for title and settlement services.
- **B.3** The District will purchase its requirements of the services included herein from the Contractor. The estimated quantities stated herein reflect the best estimates available. The estimate shall not be construed as a representation that the estimated quantity will be required or ordered, or that conditions affecting requirements will be stable. They shall not be construed to limit the quantities that may be ordered from the Contractor by the District or to relieve the Contractor of its obligation to fill all such orders.

B.4 PRICE SCHEDULE

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Item Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Price Per Unit	Total Estimated Amount
0001	Title Examination and Report, as set forth in C.2.1	Per Lot	18	\$	\$
0002	Title Examination Report Updates, as set forth in C.2.2.1	Per Lot	18	\$	\$
0003	Title Commitment, as set forth in C.2.2.2	Per Settlement or Lot, as requested	18	\$	\$
0004AA	Settlement Services – to include settlement or closing fee, escrow fees, document preparation fees, notary fees and recording fees, as set forth in C.2.2.4	Per Settlement	18	\$	\$
0004AB	Provision of Title Insurance as set forth in C.2.2.3	Per \$1,000 of sales price		\$	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT (n	ot including	title insurance)		\$

SECTION C: SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 SCOPE

The District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) on behalf of the Office of Attorney General (OAG) seeks a Contractor to perform title and settlement services in support of the District's acquisition of real property lots by negotiated sale or condemnation by eminent domain.

C.2 REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall perform title and settlement services as described below in support of the District's acquisition of the 18 lots identified in Exhibit 1, Description of Properties.

C.2.1 Title Examination and Report

The Contractor shall conduct a title examination in accordance with established industry standards and as set forth in Section C.2.1.1.a through C.2.1.1.c below ("Title Examination") and provide one typewritten title report for each lot, in accordance with this Scope of Work and the District's request ("Title Report"). The Contractor shall provide each Title Report within the time frames set forth in Section F.2 herein.

C.2.1.1 The Title Examination for each lot shall include:

- a. A 60-year search and review of the chain of title and all relevant records recorded among the Land Records of the District of Columbia;
- b. Review of all relevant court actions and judgments filed against property owners or those that could possibly affect title; and
- c. Review of all relevant notices of foreclosure, including without limitation, tax and power of sale.

C.2.1.2 The Title Report for each lot shall include:

- a. Summary of the findings of the Title Examination relating to that lot and
- b. Copies of all of the above and other relevant research material, including, but not limited to, a copy of each deed in the chain of title and all other documents evidencing a potential present property interest.

C.2.2 Title and Settlement Related Services

C.2.2.1 Title Examination Report Updates

The Contractor shall update its Title Examinations and the Title Reports as required prior to property settlements or as requested by the COTR. The Contractor shall provide Title Examination Report Updates in accordance with Section F.2.

C.2.2.2 Title Commitments

The Contractor shall issue Title Commitments to provide owner's policy title insurance upon the request of the COTR or in preparation of issuing a Title Insurance policy. The title insurance underwriter or agent shall be authorized to review eminent domain litigation and to issue policies to the District insuring properties acquired by condemnation, if requested. The Contractor shall provide the Title Commitments to the COTR in a form consistent with common industry practice and in accordance with Section F.2. The Contractor shall provide a Title Commitment per lot; provided, however, that if more than one lot has common ownership, the Contractor shall provide one Title Commitment for such multiple lots. The Contractor acknowledges that the District may not request title commitment for certain lots and the District is not required under the contract to request a title commitment for any of the lots.

C.2.2.3 Title Insurance – Policies of Insurance

If required, the Contractor shall issue Title Insurance policies, upon request by the COTR, on the most current ALTA form or as otherwise approved by the COTR. The Contractor shall provide a Title Insurance policy per lot; provided, however, that if more than one lot has common ownership, the Contractor shall provide one Title Insurance policy for such multiple lots. The Contractor acknowledges that the District may not request Title Insurance policies for certain lots and the District is not required under the contract to request a Title Insurance policy for any of the lots.

C.2.2.4 Property Settlement and Escrow Services

- C.2.2.4.1 The Contractor shall provide property settlement and escrow services for acquisition of lots by negotiated sale, upon request by the COTR. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Preparation of a HUD-1 or other appropriate settlement sheet, owner's affidavits and other documents customarily associated with real property settlements;
 - b. Preparation of deeds and releases to effect transfer of title to the lot(s);
 - c. Escrow services to hold and disburse documents, deposits and sales proceeds to effect transfer of title to the lot(s); and
 - d. Recordation services to record instruments in the Land Records necessary to release encumbrances and transfer title to the lot(s).
- C.2.2.4.2 Where the District's acquisition of lots is in lieu of condemnation, as directed by the COTR, the Contractor shall not charge settlement fees to the seller of the lot(s).
- C.2.2.4.3 The Contractor shall provide to the COTR evidence of executed settlement documents and proof of recordation of all documents required to be filed in the Land Records within five (5) business days after settlement is held.

SECTION D: PACKAGING AND MARKING

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION E: INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

The inspection and acceptance requirements for the resultant contract shall be governed by clause number six (6), Inspection of Services, of the Government of the District of Columbia's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated March 2007.

SECTION F: DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of the contract shall be for a period of one year from date of award.

F.2 DELIVERABLES

SOW	Deliverable	Quantity	Format/Method of	Due Date
Section			Delivery	
C.2.1.2	Title Report	1 per lot	Typewritten hard copy	Within 30 days after COTR
			or electronic (pdf)	request
C.2.2.1	Title Examination	1 per lot	Typewritten hard copy	Within 10 business days
	Report Updates		or electronic (pdf)	after COTR request for as
				needed for settlement.
C.2.2.2	Title Commitment	1 per lot or per	Typewritten hard copy	Within 5 business days
		settlement, as	or electronic (pdf)	after COTR request,
		applicable		provided the Title
				Examination Report Update
				is completed, otherwise 15
				business days.
C.2.2.3	Title Insurance	1 per lot or per	Original hard copy	Within 20 business days
	Policy	settlement, as		after settlement, or as
		applicable		commercially feasible,
				provided the Contractor has
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				immediately following
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C.2.2.4.1	Settlement	1 set per	Hard copy or electronic	Within 5 business days
and	Documents and	settlement	(pdf)	after settlement
C.2.2.4.3	Evidence of			
	Recordation			

SECTION G: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 INVOICE PAYMENT

- **G.1.1** The District will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.
- **G.1.2** The District will pay the Contractor on or before the 30th day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

G.2 INVOICE SUBMITTAL

G.2.1 The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4. Invoices shall be prepared in duplicate and submitted to the agency Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with concurrent copies to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) specified in Section G.9 below. The address of the CFO is:

Name: Office of Finance and Resource Management

Address: 441 4th Street, NW

Suite 890N

Washington, DC 20001 Attn: Accounts Payable

- **G.2.2** To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall submit the following information on the invoice:
- **G.2.2.1** Contractor's name, federal tax ID and invoice date (Contractors shall date invoices as of the date of mailing or transmittal);
- **G.2.2.2** Contract number and invoice number;
- **G.2.2.3** Description, price, quantity and the date(s) that the supplies or services were delivered or performed;
- **G.2.2.4** Other supporting documentation or information, as required by the Contracting Officer;
- **G.2.2.5** Name, title, telephone number and complete mailing address of the responsible official to whom payment is to be sent;
- **G.2.2.6** Name, title, phone number of person preparing the invoice;
- **G.2.2.7** Name, title, phone number and mailing address of person (if different from the person identified in G.2.2.6 above) to be notified in the event of a defective invoice; and
- **G.2.2.8** Authorized signature.

G.3 FIRST SOURCE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

- **G.3.1** For contracts subject to the 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements, final request for payment must be accompanied by the report or a waiver of compliance discussed in section H.5.5.
- **G.3.2** No final payment shall be made to the Contractor until the CFO has received the Contracting Officer's final determination or approval of waiver of the Contractor's compliance with 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements.

G.4 PAYMENT

The District will pay the Contractor in accordance with the Price Schedule in Section B.3.

G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

- **G.5.1** In accordance with 27 DCMR 3250, the Contractor may assign funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution.
- **G.5.2** Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.
- **G.5.3** Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated	
make payment of this invoice to	
(name and address of assignee).	

G.6 THE QUICK PAYMENT CLAUSE

G.6.1 Interest Penalties to Contractors

- G.6.1.1 The District will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code §2-221.01 et seq., for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:
 - a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
 - b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
 - c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.1.2 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2 Payments to Subcontractors

- **G.6.2.1** The Contractor must take one of the following actions within 7 days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the District for work performed by any subcontractor under a contract:
 - a) Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the District that is attributable to the subcontractor for work performed under the contract; or
 - b) Notify the District and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.
- **G.6.2.2** The Contractor must pay any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:
 - a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
 - b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
 - c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.
- **G.6.2.3** Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.
- **G.6.2.4** A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District of Columbia is a party. The District of Columbia may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

G.7 CONTRACTING OFFICER (CO)

Contracts will be entered into and signed on behalf of the District only by contracting officers. The name, address and telephone number of the Contracting Officer is:

Gena Johnson
Office of Contracting and Procurement
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 700S
Washington, DC 20001
Telephone: 202-724-5194

G.8 AUTHORIZED CHANGES BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

- **G.8.1** The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract.
- **G.8.2** The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer.
- **G.8.3** In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

G.9 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR)

G.9.1 The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the Contracting Officer as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. In addition, the COTR is responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and supervision of the contract, of ensuring that the work conforms to the requirements of this contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. The COTR for this contract is:

Name: David Fisher

Title: Chief, Tax, Bankruptcy & Finance Section

Agency: Office of the Attorney General 1100 15th Street, NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-724-6658

- **G.9.2** The COTR shall not have authority to make any changes in the specifications or scope of work or terms and conditions of the contract.
- **G.9.3** The Contractor may be held fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the Contracting Officer; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the District, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

SECTION H: SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 PUBLICITY

The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the Contracting Officer before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement, or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.

H.2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, at D.C. Official Code § 2-532 (a-3), requires the District to make available for inspection and copying any record produced or collected pursuant to a District contract with a private contractor to perform a public function, to the same extent as if the record were maintained by the agency on whose behalf the contract is made. If the Contractor receives a request for such information, the Contractor shall immediately send the request to the COTR designated in subsection G.9 who will provide the request to the FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility in accordance with the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. If the agency with programmatic responsibility receives a request for a record maintained by the Contractor pursuant to the contract, the COTR will forward a copy to the Contractor. In either event, the Contractor is required by law to provide all responsive records to the COTR within the timeframe designated by the COTR. The FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility will determine the releasability of the records. The District will reimburse the Contractor for the costs of searching and copying the records in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-532 and Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the *D.C. Municipal Regulations*.

H.3 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA)

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the ADA. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a qualified individual with a disability.

See 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

H.4 SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, as amended.

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This Act prohibits discrimination against disabled people in federally funded program and activities. See 29 U.S.C. §794 et seq.

H.5 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS

The Contractor shall be bound by the Wage Determination No. 2005-2103, Revision 4 dated 7/5/07, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Service Contract Act

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(41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) and incorporated herein as Section J.2 of this solicitation. The Contractor shall be bound by the wage rates for the term of the contract. If an option is exercised, the Contractor shall be bound by the applicable wage rate at the time of the option. If the option is exercised and the Contracting Officer obtains a revised wage determination, the revised wage determination is applicable for the option periods and the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment.

SECTION I: CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Standard Contract Provisions for use with District of Columbia Government Supplies and Services Contracts dated March 2007 ("SCP"), are incorporated as part of the contract resulting from this solicitation. To obtain a copy of the SCP go to www.ocp.dc.gov, click on OCP Policies under the heading "Information", then click on "Standard Contract Provisions – Supplies and Services Contracts".

I.2 CONTRACTS THAT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Continuation of this contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations.

I.3 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

All information obtained by the Contractor relating to any employee or customer of the District will be kept in absolute confidence and shall not be used by the Contractor in connection with any other matters, nor shall any such information be disclosed to any other person, firm, or corporation, in accordance with the District and Federal laws governing the confidentiality of records.

I.4 TIME

Time, if stated in a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, unless otherwise stated herein.

I.5 RIGHTS IN DATA

- **I.5.1** "Data," as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information.
- I.5.2 The term "Technical Data", as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or used to define a design or process or to procure, produce, support, maintain, or operate material. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media such as drawings or photographs, text in specifications or related performance or design type documents or computer printouts. Examples of technical data include research and engineering data, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, and computer software documentation. Technical data does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost and pricing, and management data or other information incidental to contract administration.

- **I.5.3** The term "Computer Software", as used herein means computer programs and computer databases. "Computer Programs", as used herein means a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, designed to cause the computer to execute an operation or operations. "Computer Programs" include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort merge programs, and automated data processing equipment maintenance diagnostic programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control and engineering analysis programs. Computer programs may be either machine-dependent or machine-independent, and may be general purpose in nature or designed to satisfy the requirements of a particular user.
- **I.5.4** The term "computer databases", as used herein, means a collection of data in a form capable of being processed and operated on by a computer.
- I.5.5 All data first produced in the performance of this Contract shall be the sole property of the District. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that all data, including, without limitation, computer program codes, produced by Contractor for the District under this Contract, are works made for hire and are the sole property of the District; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, Contractor hereby transfers and assigns to the District the ownership of copyright in such works, whether published or unpublished. The Contractor agrees to give the District all assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights including, but not limited to, the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights in common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part or in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without written consent of the District until such time as the District may have released such data to the public.
- **I.5.6** The District will have restricted rights in data, including computer software and all accompanying documentation, manuals and instructional materials, listed or described in a license or agreement made a part of this contract, which the parties have agreed will be furnished with restricted rights, provided however, notwithstanding any contrary provision in any such license or agreement, such restricted rights shall include, as a minimum the right to:
- **I.5.6.1** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with the computer for which or with which it was acquired, including use at any District installation to which the computer may be transferred by the District;
- **I.5.6.2** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with a backup computer if the computer for which or with which it was acquired is inoperative;
- **I.5.6.3** Copy computer programs for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; and modify the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials, or combine it with other software, subject to the provision that the modified portions shall remain subject to these restrictions.
- **I.5.7** The restricted rights set forth in section I.5.6 are of no effect unless

(i) the data is marked by the Contractor with the following legend:

RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND

Use,	duplication,	or	disclosure	is	subject	to	restrictions	stated	in	Contract
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- (ii) If the data is computer software, the related computer software documentation includes a prominent statement of the restrictions applicable to the computer software. The Contractor may not place any legend on the computer software indicating restrictions on the District's rights in such software unless the restrictions are set forth in a license or agreement made a part of the contract prior to the delivery date of the software. Failure of the Contractor to apply a restricted rights legend to such computer software shall relieve the District of liability with respect to such unmarked software.
- **I.5.8** In addition to the rights granted in Section I.5.6 above, the Contractor hereby grants to the District a nonexclusive, paid-up license throughout the world, of the same scope as restricted rights set forth in Section I.5.6 above, under any copyright owned by the Contractor, in any work of authorship prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract. Unless written approval of the Contracting Officer is obtained, the Contractor shall not include in technical data or computer software prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract any works of authorship in which copyright is not owned by the Contractor without acquiring for the District any rights necessary to perfect a copyright license of the scope specified in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- **I.5.9** Whenever any data, including computer software, are to be obtained from a subcontractor under this contract, the Contractor shall use this clause, I.5, Rights in Data, in the subcontract, without alteration, and no other clause shall be used to enlarge or diminish the District's or the Contractor's rights in that subcontractor data or computer software which is required for the District.
- **I.5.10** For all computer software furnished to the District with the rights specified in Section I.5.5, the Contractor shall furnish to the District, a copy of the source code with such rights of the scope specified in Section I.5.5. For all computer software furnished to the District with the restricted rights specified in Section I.5.6, the District, if the Contractor, either directly or through a successor or affiliate shall cease to provide the maintenance or warranty services provided the District under this contract or any paid-up maintenance agreement, or if Contractor should be declared bankrupt or insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the right to obtain, for its own and sole use only, a single copy of the then current version of the source code supplied under this contract, and a single copy of the documentation associated therewith, upon payment to the person in control of the source code the reasonable cost of making each copy.
- **I.5.11** The Contractor shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the District, its officers, agents and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, (i) for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy,

arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under this contract, or (ii) based upon any data furnished under this contract, or based upon libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.

- **I.5.12** Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the District under any patent, or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the District under any patent.
- **I.5.13** Paragraphs I.5.6, I.5.7, I.5.8, I.5.11 and I.5.12 above are not applicable to material furnished to the Contractor by the District and incorporated in the work furnished under contract, provided that such incorporated material is identified by the Contractor at the time of delivery of such work

I.6 OTHER CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by another District contractor or by any District employee.

I.7 SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor hereunder shall not subcontract any of the Contractor's work or services to any subcontractor without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer. Any work or service so subcontracted shall be performed pursuant to a subcontract agreement, which the District will have the right to review and approve prior to its execution by the Contractor. Any such subcontract shall specify that the Contractor and the subcontractor shall be subject to every provision of this contract. Notwithstanding any such subcontract approved by the District, the Contractor shall remain liable to the District for all Contractor's work and services required hereunder.

I.8 INSURANCE

- **I.8.1** Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall submit a certificate of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages prior to commencing work. All insurance shall be written with responsible companies licensed by the District of Columbia's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking. The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to carry the insurance required herein, or Contractor may, at its option, provide the coverage for any or all subcontractors, and if so, the evidence of insurance submitted shall so stipulate. All insurance provided by the Contractor as required by this section shall set forth the District as an additional named insured. In no event shall work be performed until the required certificates of insurance have been furnished. The insurance shall provide for 30 days' prior written notice to be given to the District in the event coverage is substantially changed, canceled or non-renewed. If the insurance provided is not in compliance with all the requirements herein, the District maintains the right to stop work until proper evidence is provided.
- **I.8.2 Worker's Compensation Insurance** according to the statutes of the District of Columbia, including Employer's Liability, \$100,000 per accident for injury, \$100,000 per employee for disease, \$500,000 policy limit disease.

I.8.5 Professional Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 limits per claim (note: such insurance is typically called medical malpractice insurance for doctors, professional liability insurance for lawyers and nurses, and errors and omissions liability insurance for all other "professions" with a professional liability exposure).

I.9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the District of Columbia Administrative Issuance System, Mayor's Order 85-85 dated June 10, 1985, the forms for completion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report are incorporated herein as Section J.2.2. An award cannot be made to any offeror who has not satisfied the equal employment requirements.

I.10 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: the Supplies or Services and Price/Cost Section (Section B), Specifications/Work Statement (Section C), the Special Contract Requirements (Section H), the Contract Clauses (Section I), and the SCP.

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SECTION J: LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- **J.1** Exhibit 1 Description of Properties
- **J.2** Wage Determination No. 2005-2103, Revision No. 4, July 5, 2007

SECTION K: REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

K.1 AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS

	with the District in	ents that the following connection with this re of the authorized nego	equest for proposals:	d to negotiate on its behalf (list names, titles, and
K.2	TYPE OF BUSINE	ESS ORGANIZATIO	N	
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K.3	CERTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS	N AS TO COMPLIA	NCE WITH EQUAI	. OPPORTUNITY
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	Offeror		Date	
	Name		Title	

	Mayor's Order 85-8 representations indi (The above representations)	has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the So. Offeror has has not filed all required compliance reports, and cating submission of required reports signed by proposed subofferors. Intations need not be submitted in connection with contracts or are exempt from the Mayor's Order.)							
K.4	BUY AMERICAN	CERTIFICATION							
	domestic end produ	certifies that each end product, except the end products listed below, is a ct (See Clause 23 of the SCP, "Buy American Act"), and that components are considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the							
		EXCLUDED END PRODUCTS							
		COUNTRY OF ORIGIN							
K.5	DISTRICT EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATION								
	Each offeror shall c	heck one of the following:							
		No person listed in Clause 13 of the SCP, "District Employees Not To Benefit" will benefit from this contract.							
		The following person(s) listed in Clause 13 may benefit from this contract. For each person listed, attach the affidavit required by Clause 13 of the SCP.							

K.6 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- (a) Each signature of the offeror is considered to be a certification by the signatory that:
 - 1) The prices in this contract have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any offeror or competitor relating to:
 - (i) those prices
 - (ii) the intention to submit a contract, or
 - (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices in the contract.
 - 2) The prices in this contract have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before contract opening unless otherwise required by law; and
 - 3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a contract for the purpose of restricting competition.

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- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:
 - 1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this contract, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
 - 2) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above:

(insert full name of person(s) in the organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this Contract and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization);

- (i) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2) have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and
- (ii) As an agent, has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.
- (c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

SECTION L: INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

L.1 CONTRACT AWARD

L.1.1 Most Advantageous to the District

The District intends to award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the District, cost or price, technical and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation considered.

L.1.2 Initial Offers

The District may award contracts on the basis of initial offers received, without discussion. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a standpoint of cost or price, technical and other factors.

L.2 PROPOSAL FORM, ORGANIZATION AND CONTENT

One original and *five* (5) copies of the written proposals shall be submitted in two parts, titled "Technical Proposal" and "Price Proposal". Proposals shall be typewritten in 12 point font size on 8.5" by 11" bond paper. Telephonic, telegraphic, and facsimile proposals will not be accepted. Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope conspicuously marked: "Proposal in Response to Solicitation No. *DCCB-2007-R-0074 "Title and Settlement Services"*.

Offerors are directed to the specific proposal evaluation criteria found in Section M of this solicitation, Evaluation Factors. Each offeror shall respond to each factor in a way that will allow the District to evaluate the offeror's response. The offeror shall submit information in a clear, concise, factual and logical manner providing a comprehensive description of program supplies and services delivery thereof. The information requested below for the technical proposal shall facilitate evaluation and best value source selection for all proposals. The technical proposal must contain sufficient detail to provide a clear and concise representation of the requirements in Section C.

L.2.1 Technical Proposal

L.2.1.1 Technical Capacity

The offeror's response to the Request for Proposal shall include at a minimum the following:

- a. A brief narrative demonstrating the offeror's understanding of the requirements and its technical competence, specifically identifying any technical expertise to successfully perform comprehensive title examination and settlement services for a portfolio of real property acquired through eminent domain or through negotiation.
- b. A brief narrative or organizational chart that identifies the staff and/or subcontractors that will provide or contribute to the services to be provided under the contract. The

- narrative or organizational chart shall include each applicable staff member's name and position. The narrative or organizational chart shall depict the reporting lines and accountability among the staff and subcontractors as applicable.
- c. Resumes, professional certifications and credentials for the staff identified in the narrative or organizational chart above to provide evidence of relevant experience the technical competencies to perform the required services.
- d. Subcontractor agreements, as applicable.
- e. Sample work product, including title reports and title commitments.
- f. A description of property settlement services typically provided by the offeror.

L.2.1.2 Past Performance/Previous Experience

The offeror's response to the Request for Proposal shall include, at a minimum, an exemplary list of contracts awarded to the offeror and any proposed subcontractors, active and expired, during the past three (3) years that are similar in size and scope to the services described in the Statement of Work. For each contract, indicate the name of the client, the name, title, address and telephone number of the offeror's contact who requested such services. The District may, at its election, randomly select three (3) entities from the contract information provided to obtain a Past Performance Evaluation. The offeror shall verify and notify the entities and persons contained in the list above to facilitate the successful completion of the past performance evaluation forms.

L.2.1.3 Certifications

The offeror shall complete and return the Certifications in Section K.

L.2.2 Price Proposal

The offeror shall, at a minimum, include in its price proposal a completed Price Schedule (section B.3).

L.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME, AND LATE SUBMISSIONS, LATE MODIFICATIONS, WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS AND LATE PROPOSALS

L.3.1 Proposal Submission

Proposals must be submitted no later than October 9, 2007, 2:00 p.m. Proposals, modifications to proposals, or requests for withdrawals that are received in the designated District office after the exact local time specified above, are "late" and shall be considered only if they are received before the award is made and one (1) or more of the following circumstances apply:

(a) The proposal or modification was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth (5th) day before the date specified for receipt of offers;

- (b) The proposal or modification was sent by mail and it is determined by the Contracting Officer that the late receipt at the location specified in the solicitation was caused by mishandling by the District, or
- (c) The proposal is the only proposal received.

L.3.2 Withdrawal or Modification of Proposals

An offeror may modify or withdraw its proposal upon written, telegraphic notice, or facsimile transmission if received at the location designated in the solicitation for submission of proposals, but not later than the closing date for receipt of proposals.

L.3.3 Postmarks

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of a late proposal, late modification or late withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail shall be a U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark on the wrapper or on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the proposal, modification or request for withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. When the postmark shows the date but not the hour, the time is presumed to be the last minute of the date shown. If no date is shown on the postmark, the proposal shall be considered late unless the offeror can furnish evidence from the postal authorities of timely mailing.

L.3.4 Late Modifications

A late modification of a successful proposal, which makes its terms more favorable to the District, shall be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

L.3.5 Late Proposals

A late proposal, late modification or late request for withdrawal of an offer that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful offers resulting from this solicitation.

L.4 EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

If a prospective offeror has any questions relative to this solicitation, the prospective offeror shall submit the question in writing to the contact person, identified on page one. The prospective offeror shall submit questions no later than (*three*) days prior to the closing date and time indicated for this solicitation. The District will not consider any questions received less than (*three*) days before the date set for submission of proposals. The District will furnish responses promptly to all other prospective offerors. An amendment to the solicitation will be issued if that information is necessary in submitting offers, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding.

L.5 FAILURE TO SUBMIT OFFERS

Recipients of this solicitation not responding with an offer should not return this solicitation. Instead, they should advise the Contracting Officer, Gena Johnson, Office of Contracting & Procurement 441 4th St., NW, Washington DC 20001, (202) 724-5194, by letter or postcard whether they want to receive future solicitations for similar requirements. It is also requested that such recipients advise the Contracting Officer of the reason for not submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation. If a recipient does not submit an offer and does not notify the Contracting Officer that future solicitations are desired, the recipient's name may be removed from the applicable mailing list.

L.6 RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE AND USE OF DATA

L.6.1 Offerors who include in their proposal data that they do not want disclosed to the public or used by the District except for use in the procurement process shall mark the title page with the following legend:

"This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the District and shall not be duplicated, used or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose except for use in the procurement process.

If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of this data, the District will have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent consistent with the District's needs in the procurement process. This restriction does not limit the District's rights to use, without restriction, information contained in this proposal if it is obtained from another source. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert page numbers or other identification of sheets)."

L.6.2 Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

"Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal."

L.7 PROPOSALS WITH OPTION YEARS

The offeror shall include option year prices in its price/cost proposal. An offer may be determined to be unacceptable if it fails to include option year pricing.

L.8 PROPOSAL PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective offeror or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file with the D.C. Contract Appeals Board (Board) a protest no later than 10 business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent at the time set for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed with the Board prior to the time set for receipt of initial proposals. In procurements in which proposals are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into the solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of proposals following the incorporation. The protest shall be filed in writing, with the Contract Appeals Board, 717 14th Street, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20004. The aggrieved person shall also mail a copy of the protest to the Contracting

Officer for the solicitation.

L.9 SIGNING OF OFFERS

The offeror shall sign the offer and print or type its name on the Solicitation, Offer and Award form of this solicitation. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the Contracting Officer.

L.10 UNNECESSARILY ELABORATE PROPOSALS

Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective response to this solicitation are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the offeror's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

L.11 RETENTION OF PROPOSALS

All proposal documents will be the property of the District and retained by the District, and therefore will not be returned to the offerors.

L.12 PROPOSAL COSTS

The District is not liable for any costs incurred by the offerors in submitting proposals in response to this solicitation.

L.13 ELECTRONIC COPY OF PROPOSALS FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

In addition to other proposal submission requirements, the offeror must submit an electronic copy of its proposal, redacted in accordance with any applicable exemptions from disclosure in D.C. Official Code § 2-534, in order for the District to comply with Section 2-536(b) that requires the District to make available electronically copies of records that must be made public. The District's policy is to release documents relating to District proposals following award of the contract, subject to applicable FOIA exemption under Section 2-534(a)(1).

L.14 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages as specified in Section I.8 prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted within fourteen (14) days of contract award to:

Gena Johnson Contracting Officer Office of Contracting & Procurement 441 4th St., NW, 700S Washington DC 20001 (202) 724-5194 Gena.johnson@dc.gov

L.15 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The offeror shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (a) by signing and returning the amendment; (b) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose in Section A, Solicitation, Offer and Award form; or (c) by letter or telegram including mailgrams. The District must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of offers. Offerors' failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of the offer.

L.16 BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

If, subsequent to receiving original proposals, regotiations are conducted, all offerors within the competitive range will be so notified and will be provided an opportunity to submit written best and final offers at the designated date and time. Best and Final Offers will be subject to the Late Submissions, Late Modifications and Late Withdrawals of Proposals provision of the solicitation. After receipt of best and final offers, no discussions will be reopened unless the Contracting Officer determines that it is clearly in the District's best interest to do so, e.g., it is clear that information available at that time is inadequate to reasonably justify Contractor selection and award based on the best and final offers received. If discussions are reopened, the Contracting Officer shall issue an additional request for best and final offers to all offerors still within the competitive range.

L.17 LEGAL STATUS OF OFFEROR

Each proposal must provide the following information:

- **L.17.1** Name, address, telephone number and federal tax identification number of offeror;
- **L.17.2** A copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the offeror is required by law to obtain. This mandate also requires the offeror to provide a copy of the executed "Clean Hands Certification" that is referenced in D.C. Official Code §47-2862 (2001), if the offeror is required by law to make such certification. If the offeror is a corporation or partnership and does not provide a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, the offer shall certify its intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award or its exemption from such requirements; and
- **L.17.3** If the offeror is a partnership or joint venture, the names and addresses of the general partners or individual members of the joint venture, and copies of any joint venture or teaming agreements.

L.18 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS

Offerors shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered, and the conditions under which the work is to be accomplished. Contractors will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the

difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

L.19 STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements; therefore, the prospective contractor must submit the documentation listed below, within five (5) days of the request by the District.

- **L.19.1** Evidence of adequate financial resources, credit or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the contract.
- **L.19.2** Evidence of the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments.
- **L.19.3** Evidence of the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational control, technical skills or the ability to obtain them.
- L.19.4 Evidence of compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations.
- **L.19.5** Evidence of a satisfactory performance record, record of integrity and business ethics.
- **L.19.6** Evidence of the necessary production, construction and technical equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them.
- **L.19.7** Evidence of other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations
- **L.19.8** If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the Contracting Officer shall make the determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the Contracting Officer shall determine the prospective contractor to be nonresponsible.

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS

M.1 EVALUATION FOR AWARD

The contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose offer is most advantageous to the District, based upon the evaluation criteria specified below. Thus, while the points in the evaluation criteria indicate their relative importance, the total scores will not necessarily be determinative of the award. Rather, the total scores will guide the District in making an intelligent award decision based upon the evaluation criteria.

M.2 TECHNICAL RATING

The Technical Rating Scale is as follows:

Numeric Rating	Adjective	Description
0	Unacceptable	Fails to meet minimum
		requirements; e.g., no
		demonstrated capacity, major
		deficiencies which are not
		correctable; offeror did not
		address the factor.
1	Poor	Marginally meets minimum
		requirements; major deficiencies
		which may be correctable.
2	Minimally	Marginally meets minimum
	Acceptable	requirements; minor deficiencies
		which may be correctable.
3	Acceptable	Meets requirements; no
		deficiencies.
4	Good	Meets requirements and exceeds
		some requirements; no
		deficiencies.
5	Excellent	Exceeds most, if not all
		requirements; no deficiencies.

For example, if a factor has a point evaluation of 0 to 6 points, and (using the Technical Rating Scale) the District evaluates as "good" the part of the proposal applicable to the factor, the score for the factor is 4.8 (4/5 of 6). The factor scores will be added together to determine the score for the factor level.

M.3 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following technical evaluation factors listed in descending order of importance.

M.3.1 TECHNICAL CRITERIA (75 Points)

M.3.1.1 Technical Capacity (30 Points)

This factor examines the offeror's technical capacity to provide the required services, including the organizational structure and staff qualifications to perform the requirements as described in the Statement of Work. In addition, the offeror's technical capacity includes the technical competence and understanding of the services to be provided as described in the Statement of Work.

M.3.1.2 Past Performance/Previous Experience (45 Points)

This factor considers the offeror's past performance and previous experience in performing title and settlement services similar in scope and complexity to the required services described in Statement of Work. This factor includes an examination of the quality of services provided, timeliness in service delivery, business practices, overall satisfaction of the offeror's past performance, and previous experience. The District may, at its election, randomly select three (3) entities from the contract information provided in L.2.1.2 to obtain a past performance evaluation.

M.3.2 PRICE CRITERIA (25 Points)

The price evaluation will be objective. The offeror with the lowest price will receive the maximum price points. All other proposals will receive a proportionately lower total score. The following formula will be used to determine each offeror's evaluated price score:

Lowest price proposal
----- x weight = Evaluated price score
Price of proposal being evaluated

M.3.3 LSDBE PREFERENCE POINTS (12 Points)

M.3.4 TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (112 Points)

M.4 Preferences for Local Businesses, Disadvantaged Businesses, Resident-owned Businesses, Small Businesses, Longtime Resident Businesses, or Local Businesses with Principal Offices Located in an Enterprise Zone

Under the provisions of the "Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005" (the Act), Title II, Subtitle N, of the "Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Support Act of 2005", D.C. Law 16-33, effective October 20, 2005, the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids or proposals from businesses that are small, local, disadvantaged, resident-owned, longtime resident, or local with a principal office located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

M.4.1 General Preferences

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act for this procurement are as follows:

- M.4.1.1 Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a small business enterprise (SBE) certified by the Small and Local Business Opportunity Commission (SLBOC) or the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), as applicable;
- M.4.1.2 Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a resident-owned business enterprise (ROB) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.3 Ten percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of ten points on a 100-point scale for a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.4 Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.1.5 Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a local business enterprise with its principal office located in an enterprise zone (DZE) and certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable; and
- M.4.1.6 Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable.

M.4.2 Application of Preferences

The preferences shall be applicable to prime contractors as follows:

- M.4.2.1 Any prime contractor that is an SBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the SBE in response to an Invitation for Bids (IFB) or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the SBE in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP).
- M.4.2.2 Any prime contractor that is an ROB certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the ROB in response to an IFB or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the ROB in response to an RFP.
- M.4.2.3 Any prime contractor that is an LRB certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a ten percent (10%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LRB in response to an IFB or the addition of ten points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the LRB in response to an RFP.

- M.4.2.4 Any prime contractor that is an LBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LBE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the LBE in response to an RFP.
- M.4.2.5 Any prime contractor that is a DZE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DZE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the DZE in response to an RFP.
- M.4.2.6 Any prime contractor that is a DBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DBE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the DBE in response to an RFP.

M.4.3 Maximum Preference Awarded

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise is entitled under the Act for this procurement is twelve percent (12%) for bids submitted in response to an IFB or the equivalent of twelve (12) points on a 100-point scale for proposals submitted in response to an RFP. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with certified business enterprises.

M.4.4 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures

When the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, certifies a joint venture, the certified joint venture will receive preferences as a prime contractor for categories in which the joint venture and the certified joint venture partner are certified, subject to the maximum preference limitation set forth in the preceding paragraph.

M.4.5 Vendor Submission for Preferences

- M.4.5.1 Any vendor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must submit at the time of, and as part of its bid or proposal, the following documentation, as applicable to the preference being sought:
- M.4.5.1.1 Evidence of the vendor's or joint venture's certification by the SLBOC as an SBE, LBE, DBE, DZE, LRB, or RBO, to include a copy of all relevant letters of certification from the SLBOC; or
- M.4.5.1.2 Evidence of the vendor's or joint venture's provisional certification by the DSLBD as an SBE, LBE, DBE, DZE, LRB, or RBO, to include a copy of the provisional certification from the DSLBD.

M.4.5.2 Any vendor seeking certification or provisional certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation should contact the:

Department of Small and Local Business Development ATTN: LSDBE Certification Program 441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 970N Washington, DC 20001

M.4.5.3 All vendors are encouraged to contact the DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

M.5 EVALUATION OF PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT

- **M.5.1** Prompt payment discounts shall not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any discount offered will form a part of the award and will be taken by the District if payment is made within the discount period specified by the offeror.
- **M.5.2** In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of delivery of the supplies to carrier when delivery and acceptance are at point of origin, or from date of delivery at destination when delivery, installation and acceptance are at that, or from the date correct invoice or voucher is received in the office specified by the District, if the latter date is later than date of delivery. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the District check.